

Having thus described the invention, we hereby claim:

1. A graphical user interface system for providing fault notes to be used by a printing system comprising:
  - a fault screen window depicting faults for individual supply unit devices and output unit devices; and,
  - 5 a fault notes window for user editable text linked to said fault screen window.
2. The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein said fault notes window is accessed by selecting a notes button on said fault screen window.
3. The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein said fault notes window is accessed by selecting a fault notes icon on said fault screen window.
4. The system as set forth in claim 3 wherein said fault notes icon is configured to appear when user editable text has previously been entered on said fault notes window.
5. The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein said fault notes window displays only user editable text related to a selected device.
6. The system as set forth in claim 1 wherein said fault notes window displays only user editable text related to said system when no device is selected.
7. A graphical user interface system for providing fault notes to be used by a printing system comprising:
  - a view selection window including a fault button which opens a window displaying recent faults that have occurred in said printing system;
  - 5 a system window that provides an overall system view of said printing system including a plurality of icons representing devices comprising said printing system;
  - a fault icon for each device having a fault condition that is displayed in the proximity of an icon representing said device;
  - 10 a fault screen window depicting faults for individual supply unit devices and output unit devices wherein said fault screen window is opened by selecting said fault button and/or said fault icon; and,
  - a fault notes window for user editable text linked to said fault screen

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window.

8. The system as set forth in claim 7 wherein said fault notes window displays only user editable text related to a selected device.
9. The system as set forth in claim 7 wherein said fault notes window displays only user editable text related to said system when no device is selected.
10. The system as set forth in claim 7 wherein said fault notes window is accessed by selecting a notes button and/or a fault notes icon on said fault screen window.
11. The system as set forth in claim 10 wherein said fault notes icon is configured to appear when user editable text has previously been entered on said fault notes window.
12. The system as set forth in claim 7 wherein said fault notes window is opened automatically whenever said fault notes window contains user editable text.
13. A method for providing user editable fault notes in a printing system comprising the steps of:
  - displaying a fault screen including at least one device fault button;
  - displaying a fault notes window;
  - accepting user editable text in a box in said fault notes window; and,
  - displaying user editable text in said box in said fault notes window.
14. The method as set forth in claim 13 wherein said fault notes window is accessed by selecting a notes button on said fault screen window.
15. The method as set forth in claim 13 wherein said fault notes window is accessed by selecting a fault notes icon on said fault screen window.
16. The method as set forth in claim 15 wherein said fault notes icon is configured to appear when user editable text has previously been entered on said fault notes window.
17. The method as set forth in claim 13 wherein said fault notes window

displays only user editable text related to a selected device.

18. The method as set forth in claim 13 wherein said fault notes window displays only user editable text related to said system when no device is selected.